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Governor Brewer Proclaims Week of Feb. 3 ‘Arizona Green Week 2014’; ADEQ Schedules Number of Student Activities

PHOENIX (Jan. 30, 2014) – Governor Jan Brewer has proclaimed the week of Feb. 3 as “Arizona Green Week 2014.” In light of this announcement, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) has scheduled a number of activities throughout the state to educate and encourage students to become environmental stewards.

Governor Brewer’s proclamation encourages teachers and students to conserve our planet’s natural resources by developing good proactive waste-reduction and recycling practices and conserving energy at school and at home. The “Green Week” activities are part of the Green Education Foundation’s annual project to educate K-12 students on sustainability issues.

“Green Week is a great opportunity to bring our environmental message to Arizona schools,” Governor Brewer said. “We all have a stake in the clean air we breathe, the water we drink and improving our recycling efforts. This is a chance for each of us to learn what we can do to benefit the environment we all share.”

ADEQ will conduct activities in Heber-Overgaard, Lake Havasu City, Safford, Tucson, and Yuma as follows:

Heber-Overgaard -- On Wednesday, Feb. 5 at 10 a.m. and Thursday, Feb. 6 at 8:30 a.m. about 40 Mogollon High School biology class students total will tour the Novo Power Biomass Plant, located just off Highway 277 in Navajo County between Heber-Overgaard and Snowflake to learn about green energy, forest health and restoration and productive use of forest products.

Lake Havasu City – On Saturday, Feb. 8 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., ADEQ will sponsor its fifth annual free electronics waste recycling event and pass out environmental-themed publications to motorists at the Lake Havasu City Police Department parking lot, 2360 McCulloch Blvd. North, across the street from city hall.

Safford – On Tuesday, Feb. 4 and Wednesday, Feb. 5 at 8:30 a.m. both days about 250 fifth- and sixth-grade students from schools in Thatcher and Fort Thomas will be taught about treated wastewater and given a tour of the Safford Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Safford Mt. Graham Golf Course, where the treated wastewater is reused for watering.

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Tucson – On Saturday, Feb. 8, ADEQ staff will be among the judges for the Khalsa Montessori Science Fair, 3701 E River Road, from 9 a.m. until noon.

Yuma – On Wednesday, Feb. 5, ADEQ staff and workers from the City of Yuma Public Works Department Solid Waste Division will give a presentation on recycling to students at Ronald Reagan Elementary School, 3200 W. 16th Street at 1 p.m.

On Thursday, Feb. 6, ADEQ, ADOT Adopt a Highway Programs, Keep Arizona Beautiful and City of Yuma will conduct an “Environmental Resources Road Show” at Yuma Main Library, 2951 S. 21st Drive, from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. to assist southwest Arizona residents with a range of resources to address potential environmental problems.

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